



Longridge High School

Excellence and ambition from all, for all

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Dear Parents/ carers,

As we approach the Bank Holiday weekend, I would like to wish our Year 11s all the very best for the GCSE and Cambridge National exams which begin next Wednesday. There is never any substitute for hard work, and this will continue to be essential for them over the coming weeks.

Longridge High School celebrates its 65-year anniversary this academic year. Last Friday, we welcomed back into school pupils who started at the school in 1959 and subsequent years. This was a very emotional occasion, as many of them had not seen each other since they left the school in the 1960s. Guests included Judith Marsden who was the school's Head Girl in 1960 and 1961 and served two years in the post as she stayed on to do her O-Levels. Also, Eileen Bretherton who was Head Girl in 1962 whose grandson Toby Coar is our current Head Boy. Guests remembered fondly their time at the school, talking about the revelation of having showers in school after PE lessons, since most didn't have showers in their homes at that time. On a tour of the school, Design Technology was particularly interesting, since our guests had been restricted to cooking and needlework for girls and woodwork for boys. Seeing boys enjoying Textiles and Food Technology, and girls enjoying Timbers emphasised how the curriculum has moved on in schools. When the school first opened, girls had had to make their PE kits in needlework lessons!

Our guests chatted to current pupils and on their tour of the school, some were able to surprise their grandchildren by appearing in their lessons! They spent the rest of the afternoon enjoying afternoon tea and catching up with each other. One gentleman had travelled from Vancouver, and one of the ladies from Spain. It was an absolute privilege to welcome them back to their school and they are all invited to our Summer Show.

Many of you enjoyed watching the school production of **FROZEN** last week – and what an absolute joy it was! Mrs Handley and Mrs Ward have spent the past few months directing an excellent cast of pupils, who have shown great commitment and talent, culminating in this wonderful show! Many thanks to both and to Mr Laycock, who, along with stage crew, orchestrated magnificent lights and sound, and even a snow machine, transporting the audience to Arendelle. More pictures on the next page.



As always, please get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Kind regards **Jane Green** Headteacher

Disney FROZEN

One of the highlights of any school year has to be the school production, and this year didn't disappoint!

Staff and pupils have been rehearsing over the past few months for the school's production of **Frozen**, which was enjoyed by two packed houses over two nights. Directed by Mrs Handley and Mrs Ward, the cast excelled in their roles, transporting the audience to 'Arendelle'.

Costumes and staging complemented excellent performances, with the audience singing along to many songs, including 'Let it Go', which echoed throughout the school.

Mr Laycock and his stage crew provided superb lighting and sound, and this included a snow machine which added to the whole experience.

There were outstanding individual performances, with pupils from every year group taking part.

The catering team served Frozen themed treats, including, of course, ice cream and sorbet!

Mrs Handley and Mrs Ward spoke warmly of the great commitment shown by all involved, culminating in this wonderful show. The audience were effusive in their praise, and all look forward to the Summer Performing Arts' show.



.....What a great cast!

ROVER THE MOON!

Year 8 pupil Ben Connaughton recently represented Blackburn Rovers Youth Academy in Malta at the KHS Cup tournament. The KHS tournament is held every year, with elite Youth Academy teams from across the world taking part.

The Blackburn Rovers team won the tournament, beating the Italian team Parma in the final 3-1. They didn't lose a game all weekend and all pupils represented the club fantastically well. Ben had a great weekend, making some lifelong memories. We are all extremely proud of his achievements!

In other sports news.....

Longridge High School's Year 7 basketball team have won the Lancashire Cup, beating Alder Grange in the semi-final and Our Lady's, Preston, in the final. This is PE teacher Mr Brown's first attempt at a Lancashire title and not a bad way to start! The team outclassed both opponents and played some brilliant basketball.

This concludes an outstanding basketball season! Longridge High School teams have won every age group of the Preston Cup: Year 7; Year 8; U14s and U16s. Teams have also reached 3/3 Lancashire Cup Finals, winning two (U12s and U14s). In short, Longridge High School's teams have dominated school basketball across the county.

A huge well done to all the pupils who have put hours of practice in over the past two terms – the hard work has paid off!



PRIMARY PROGRAMME 2024

Longridge High School's Primary Programme involves many local primary schools participating in a range of activities throughout the year. Year 5 pupils visit the school every week for lessons in PE, Timbers Technology, French and Science. Just before the Easter break, our annual primary hockey tournament was a great success. Leading up to this, Mrs Lynn Hoyle and Mrs Knight from Longridge Hockey Club trained pupils weekly, enduring rain, hail and snow to give the pupils the skills they needed for the tournament. Fingers were crossed as the pupils arrived for the tournament in the rain,

but after half an hour the sun shone, and the winners Goosnargh Oliversons took away the trophy! This was a wonderful community event with great team spirit shown by all involved. Thank you ladies - you are both absolute stars!



8-17 March
British
Science
Week
2024



British Science week is always a busy and engaging week, and the Science Department embraced this year's theme, 'Time', with great enthusiasm.

Pupils were challenged to design an instrument that would accurately measure ten seconds. Some pupils chose to use water through a cup; some chose to use sand through a cup, and some pupils used marbles down a ramp.

Staff were delighted with the skills pupils demonstrated to design an instrument, and several were within a few milli seconds of ten seconds - a great achievement! Pupils found the challenge extremely interesting and were very competitive!

